



A Supreme Court dispute over a \$15,000 IRS bill may be aimed at a never-enacted tax on billionaires

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles and Kathleen Moore are about to have their day in the Supreme Court over a \$15,000 tax bill they contend is unconstitutional. The couple from Redmond, Washington, claim they had to pay the money because of their investment in an Indian company from which, as Charles Moore, 62, said in a sworn statement, they “have never received a distribution, dividend, or other payment.” But significant parts of the story they have told to reach this point seem at odds with public records. The Moores are the public face of a high court case backed by business and conservative political interests that could call into question other parts of the U.S. tax code and rule out a much-discussed but never-enacted tax on wealth. The case is set for arguments on Dec. 5.



The Supreme Court is seen on June 30, 2023, in Washington.

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A teen's death in a small Michigan town led the FBI and police to an online sexual extortion scheme

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year, a teenager in a small Michigan town killed himself after an online chat turned to demands that he pay money to keep intimate photos secret. He was one of dozens of people targeted online by two men extradited from Nigeria to face charges, FBI director Chris-

topher Wray said Saturday. The arrests came after the FBI joined with police in Michigan to investigate the death of 17-year-old Jordan DeMay, one thousands of American teenagers targeted in a sharp rise in online "sextortion" cases in recent years. "They will face charges in the U.S. for what they did to Jordan, but also unfor-

tunately, a whole bunch of other young men and teenage boys," Wray said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You're talking about a crime that doesn't respect borders. We make sure our partnerships don't have any borders either." Wray highlighted the case in a speech to the International Association of Chiefs of Police about the ways the



FBI Director Christopher Wray testifies before a House Committee on the Judiciary oversight hearing, July 12, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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agency assists police in tackling violent crime, fentanyl and gangs. In a year where tensions between Congress and the FBI have run high at times, Wray focused on the agency's relationships with U.S. police departments large and small, including some 6,000 task force officers around the country. "The threats that we face collectively around the country are incredibly daunting," he said. "By far and away, the most effective means of tackling those threats is teamwork." After DeMay's death in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the FBI joined the investigation by the sheriff's department in Marquette County and state police. DeMay had thought he was chatting with a girl on Instagram about his own age, and the conversation quickly turned to a request for explicit pictures, authorities said. But once he shared images of himself, the talk changed to demands for money in exchange for the other side not sending the images to DeMay's family and friends. When the teenager could not pay, the person on the

other end pushed DeMay to kill himself, authorities said. DeMay had never been talking with a girl, according to the FBI, which said that on the other end were two brothers from Nigeria using a hacked Instagram account. They researched him online, using details about his friends and family to target their threats. They also tried to contact more than 100 people the same way, authorities said. The pair, Samuel Ogoshi and Samson Ogoshi of Lagos, Nigeria, have pleaded not guilty. Samuel Ogoshi's lawyer declined to comment. Samson Ogoshi's lawyer did not immediately return a message seeking comment. The FBI has seen a tenfold increase in "sextortion" cases since 2021. A least 3,000 children and teenagers have been targeted, and more than a dozen have killed themselves. Many schemes are believed to be originating with scammers based in African countries such as Nigeria and the Ivory Coast. Most victims are between age 14 and 17, but kids as young as 10 have been targeted.□



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The Moores are the latest example of plaintiffs whose lawsuits seem to simply be exercising their legal rights, but whose cases are backed by others with enormous amounts of money or a consequential social issue at stake. The Moores sought help from the anti-regulatory Competitive Enterprise Institute. Underscoring the case's importance at a recent Heritage Foundation event, lawyer Paul Clement said, "The constitutionality of a wealth tax may well be decided in the context of this case."

Details of the Moores' involvement with the company, initially called KisanKraft Machine Tools Private Limited, were first reported by Tax Notes, which caters to tax professionals. The public documents are filings with the Indian government.

At issue in the case is a provision of the 2017 tax bill enacted by a Republican-controlled Congress and signed by then-President Donald Trump. The law applies to companies that are owned by Americans, but do their business in foreign countries. It imposes a one-time tax on investors' shares of profits that have not been passed along



A sign outside the Internal Revenue Service building is seen, May 4, 2021, in Washington.

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to them, in order to offset other tax benefits. The measure is expected to generate \$340 billion in tax revenues.

The Moores, along with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and conservative think tanks, contend that the provision violates the 16th Amendment, which allows the federal government to impose an income tax on Americans.

The \$15,000 tax bill was for the Moores' share of KisanKraft's profits.

"If you haven't received any income, how can you be required to pay income taxes?" Charles Moore asks in a video posted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

But far from being a passive investor with no influence

over the company, Moore, who worked at Microsoft during his career in software development, served on KisanKraft's board of directors for five years.

"The story the Moores told about Charles' involvement with KisanKraft is directly at odds with the fiduciary responsibilities of an individual holding a board seat for an Indian company," Mindy Herzfeld, a professor of tax practice at the University of Florida law school, wrote in Tax Notes. And there are other indications of Moore's more extensive involvement with KisanKraft than his testimony indicated. The company paid for his travel to India four times and he made at least two investments beyond the \$40,000 stake he

put up in 2006.

Moore also was prepared to invest another roughly \$250,000. That money was ultimately returned by KisanKraft, along with 12% interest.

One other inconsistency is that while the Moores say they jointly invested the money, only Charles Moore's name appears in company documents.

The couple and their lawyers did not disclose any of that information in legal filings in three different federal courts, including the Supreme Court.

"The original declaration on which the case is built is full of lies," said Reuven Aviyonah, an international tax expert at the University of Michigan law school.

In a brief conversation with The Associated Press, Kathleen Moore said she and her husband would not discuss the case and referred questions to their lawyers. Andrew Grossman, the Moore's lead attorney, did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The omissions, along with the Moores' failure to take advantage of other legal options that would have deferred, if not eliminated, their tax liability make Aviyonah and other experts in international tax law suspect the case was manufactured to get at a larger

issue, the tax on billionaires that has been proposed by some prominent Democrats but never enacted.

A wealth tax would apply not to the incomes of the very richest Americans, but their assets, like stock holdings, that now only get taxed when they are sold.

"There really was no reason for the court to take it on, other than to send a signal to warn off the Congress from passing a billionaire tax," said Steven Rosenthal, a senior fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

Other provisions of the tax code could be upended by the court's decision, including measures relating to partnerships, limited liability companies and other business formations, Rosenthal said.

Changes to those provisions also could affect some justices' finances.

Chief Justice John Roberts holds a one-eighth interest worth up to \$15,000 in an Irish partnership that owns a cottage in county Limerick, Ireland, and Justice Clarence Thomas' wife, Ginni, owns a limited liability company that generated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in income last year from Nebraska real estate, according to the justices' financial disclosure forms. □

Annual window to shop for Medicare Advantage plans returns on Sunday

By TOM MURPHY
AP Health Writer

Open enrollment for Medicare opens Sunday, and seniors could have dozens of options.

During the enrollment period, which ends Dec. 7, people will have the opportunity to choose between traditional Medicare and privately run Medicare Advantage plans in their area, as well as prescription drug plans.

But research shows that most people don't bother shopping.

The non-profit KFF analyzed a national survey of people with Medicare and found that only about a third compared their coverage options during a recent enrollment period.

Medicare is the federal coverage program for those age 65 and over and some people with disabilities who are younger. Medicare Advantage plans provided by insurers frequently offer prescription drug coverage, as well as extra benefits like dental or vision coverage not provided by traditional

Medicare.

A small portion of the plans provide rebates for the premium paid for Medicare's "Part B" outpatient coverage, said Tricia Neuman, a Medicare expert with KFF, which studies health care issues.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said Thursday the monthly premium for that coverage will climb 6% for next year to \$174.70. That's up from \$164.90 in 2023.

The federal government also said Thursday that mil-



A page from the 2019 U.S. Medicare Handbook is displayed on Nov. 8, 2018, in Washington.

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lions of Social Security recipients will get a 3.2% increase in their benefits next year. The cost-of-living ad-

justment means the average Social Security recipient will receive at least \$50 more every month. □

Republican Jeff Landry wins the Louisiana governor's race, reclaims office for GOP

By SARA CLINE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Landry, a Republican backed by former President Donald Trump, has won the Louisiana governor's race, holding off a crowded field of candidates.

The win is a major victory for the GOP as they reclaim the governor's mansion for the first time in eight years. Landry will replace current Gov. John Bel Edwards, who was unable to seek reelection due to consecutive term limits. Edwards is the only Democratic governor in the Deep South.

"Today's election says that our state is united," Landry said during his victory speech Saturday night. "It's a wake up call and it's a message that everyone should hear loud and clear, that we the people in this state are going to expect more out of our government from here on out."

By garnering more than half of the votes, Landry avoided an expected runoff under the state's "jungle primary" system. The last time there wasn't a gubernatorial runoff in Louisiana was in 2011 and 2007, when Bobby Jindal, a Republican, won the state's top position.

The governor-elect, who celebrated with supporters during a watch party



Louisiana gubernatorial candidate Jeff Landry speaks to supporters during a watch party at Broussard Ballroom, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, in Broussard, La.

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in Broussard, Louisiana, described the election as "historic."

Landry, 52, has raised the profile of attorney general since taking office in 2016. He has used his office to champion conservative policy positions. More recently, Landry has been in the spotlight over his involvement and staunch support of Louisiana laws that have drawn much debate, including banning gender-affirming medical care for transgender youths, the state's near-total abortion ban that doesn't have exceptions

for cases of rape and incest, and a law restricting youths' access to "sexually explicit material" in libraries, which opponents fear will target LGBTQ+ books.

Landry has repeatedly clashed with Edwards over matters in the state, including LGBTQ rights, state finances and the death penalty. However the Republican has also repeatedly put Louisiana in national fights, including over President Joe Biden's policies that limit oil and gas production and COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Landry spent two years on

Capitol Hill, beginning in 2011, where he represented Louisiana's 3rd U.S. Congressional District. Prior to his political career, Landry served 11 years in the Louisiana Army National Guard, was a local police officer, sheriff's deputy and attorney.

During the gubernatorial election season, Landry had long been considered the early frontrunner, winning the endorsement of high profile Republicans — Trump and U.S. Rep Steve Scalise — and a controversial early endorsement from the state GOP. In addition,

Landry has enjoyed a sizable fundraising advantage over the rest of the field throughout the race.

Landry has made clear that one of his top priorities as governor would be addressing crime in urban areas. The Republican has pushed a tough-on-crime rhetoric, calling for more "transparency" in the justice system and continuing to support capital punishment. Louisiana has the nation's second-highest murder rate per capita.

Along the campaign trail, Landry faced political attacks from opponents on social media and in interviews, calling him a bully and making accusations of backroom deals to gain support. He also faced scrutiny for skipping all but one of the major-televized debates. Among other gubernatorial candidates on the ballot were GOP state Sen. Sharon Hewitt; Hunter Lundy, a Lake Charles-based attorney running as an independent; Republican state Treasurer John Schroder; Stephen Waguespack, the Republican former head of a powerful business group and former senior aide to then-Gov. Jindal; and Shawn Wilson, the former head of Louisiana's Transportation and Development Department and sole major Democratic candidate. □



Dallas police block an entrance to the State Fair of Texas after a shooting, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, in Dallas.

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DALLAS (AP) — Three people were injured Saturday night in a shooting resulting in the evacuation of the State Fair of Texas in Dallas,

police said.

Police responded to a report of a shooting in the fair's food court at about 7:45 p.m., the Dallas Police

State Fair of Texas evacuated and 1 man arrested after shooting in Dallas injures 3 victims

Department said.

Investigators determined one man shot at another man, resulting in three victims being shot and sustaining non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

The conditions of the victims were not immediately known.

A suspect, who was not immediately identified, ran from the scene but officers located and arrested him. A gun believed to have

been used in the shooting also was found, police said. An earlier social media post by the Dallas police confirmed the park was being evacuated while the department investigated the shooting.

State Fair of Texas also posted a social media notice confirming the evacuation and the police investigation into the shooting.

Dallas City Council member Adam Bazaldua, whose

district includes the park where the shooting occurred, posted a message saying he was briefed on the situation by Dallas City Manager T.C. Broadnax. Bazaldua said the shooting involving two people who knew each other.

Videos posted on social media showed groups of people running along sidewalks and climbing barriers as they fled the area. □

Water runs out at UN shelters in Gaza. Medics fear for patients as Israeli ground offensive looms

By NAJIB JOBAIN and SAMYA KULLAB

Associated Press

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — Water has run out at U.N. shelters across Gaza as thousands packed into the courtyard of the besieged territory's largest hospital as a refuge of last resort from a looming Israeli ground offensive and overwhelmed doctors struggled to care for patients they fear will die once generators run out of fuel.

Palestinian civilians across Gaza, already battered by years of conflict, were struggling for survival Sunday in the face of an unprecedented Israeli operation against the territory following a Hamas militant attack on Oct. 7 that killed 1,300 Israelis, most of them civilians.

Israel has cut off the flow of food, medicine, water and electricity to Gaza, pounded neighborhoods with airstrikes and told the estimated 1 million residents of the north to flee south ahead of Israel's planned attack. The Gaza Health Ministry said more than 2,300 Palestinians have been killed since the fighting erupted last weekend.

U.S. national security adviser



Palestinians search for survivors in the building of the Zanon family, destroyed in Israeli airstrikes in Rafah, Gaza Strip, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023.

er Jake Sullivan told CNN on Sunday that Israeli officials told him they had turned the water back on in southern Gaza. Israel's minister of energy and water, Israel Katz, said in a statement that water had been restored at a "specific point" in Gaza, but did not give further details. Aid workers in Gaza said they had not yet seen evidence the water was back and a Gaza government spokesperson

said it was not flowing. Relief groups called for the protection of the over 2 million civilians in Gaza urging an emergency corridor be established for the transfer of humanitarian aid.

"The difference with this escalation is we don't have medical aid coming in from outside, the border is closed, electricity is off and this constitutes a high danger for our patients," said Dr. Mohammed Qandeel,

who works at Nasser Hospital in the southern Khan Younis area.

Doctors in the evacuation zone said they couldn't relocate their patients safely, so they decided to stay as well to care for them.

"We shall not evacuate the hospital even if it costs us our lives," said Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, the head of pediatrics at Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahia.

If they left, the seven new-

borns in the intensive care unit would die, he said. And even if they could move them, there is nowhere for them to go in the 40-kilometer-long (25-mile-long) coastal territory. "Hospitals are full," Abu Safiya said. The wounded stream in every day with severed limbs and life-threatening injuries, he said.

Other doctors feared for the lives of patients dependent on ventilators and those suffering from complex blast wounds needing around-the-clock care. Doctors worried entire hospital facilities would be shut down and many would die as the last of fuel stocks powering their generators came close to running out. United Nations humanitarian monitors estimated this could happen by Monday. At Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, the heart of the evacuation zone, medical officials estimated at least 35,000 men, women and children crammed into the large open grounds, in the lobby and in the hallways, hoping the location would give them protection from the fighting. "Their situation is very difficult," said hospital director Mohammed Abu Selmia. □

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Powerful earthquake shakes west Afghanistan a week after devastating quakes hit same region

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same province.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the latest quake's epicenter was about 34 kilometers (21 miles) outside Herat, the provincial capital, and eight kilometers (five miles) below the surface. Save the Children said four people have died and that Herat Regional Hospital has received 153 injured. Everything in the Baloch area of Rabat Sangi district has

collapsed. Several villages have been destroyed, according to the aid group. Authorities have given lower casualty numbers.

Sayed Kazim Rafiqi, 42, a Herat city resident, said he had never seen such devastation before with the majority of houses damaged and "people terrified." Rafiqi and others headed to the hospital to donate much-needed blood.

"We have to help in any way possible," he said.

The earthquakes on Oct. 7 flattened whole villages in Herat, in one of the most destructive quakes in the country's recent history.

More than 90% of the peo-

ple killed a week ago were women and children, U.N. officials reported Thursday. Taliban officials said the earlier quakes killed more than 2,000 people across the province. The epicenter was in Zenda Jan district, where the majority of casualties and damage occurred.

The initial quake, numerous aftershocks and a second 6.3-magnitude quake on Wednesday flattened villages, destroying hundreds of mud-brick homes that could not withstand such force. Schools, health clinics and other village facilities also collapsed.

Besides rubble and funerals after that devastation, there



In this handout photo released by MSF Afghanistan, injured people received treatment after a powerful earthquake in Herat province, western of Afghanistan, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023.

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was little left of the villages in the region's dusty hills. Survivors are struggling to come to terms with the loss of multiple family members

and in many places, living residents are outnumbered by volunteers who came to search the debris and dig mass graves. □

Louvre Museum and Versailles Palace evacuated after bomb threats with France on alert

By **ANGELA CHARLTON and JEFFREY SCHAEFFER**

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The Louvre Museum in Paris and Versailles Palace evacuated visitors and staff Saturday after receiving bomb threats, police said. The French government started deploying 7,000 troops to increase security around the country after a fatal school stabbing by a suspected Islamic extremist. The evacuations of two of the world's most-visited tourist sites come amid heightened vigilance around France following Friday's school attack, and global tensions linked to the war between Israel and Hamas. President Emmanuel Macron's government is worried about fallout from the war in France. Alarms rang out through the Louvre when the evacuation was announced, and in the underground shopping center beneath its signature pyramid. Paris police said officers searched the museum after it received written bomb threats. The Louvre communication service said no one was hurt and no bomb was found, so the museum will reopen as usual on Sunday. The Louvre, home to masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, welcomes between



Staff leave the Louvre Museum as people are evacuated after it received a written threat, in Paris, Saturday Oct. 14, 2023.

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30,000 and 40,000 visitors per day and several million annually. The former royal palace at Versailles also received bomb threats, and the palace and its sprawling gardens were being evacuated while police examine the area, according to national police. A major Paris train station, Gare de Lyon, was being evacuated after the discovery of a possible bottle explosive, police said. Earlier Saturday, Macron's office announced the mobilization of 7,000 soldiers

by Monday night, after the government heightened the national threat alert in the wake of the school attack in the northern city of Arras. The "attack emergency" threat posture allows the government to temporarily deploy extra troops to protect public places, among other measures. Counterterrorism authorities are investigating the Arras stabbing, and the suspected assailant and several others are in custody, prosecutors said. The attacker's exact motive re-

mains unclear, and he is reportedly refusing to speak to investigators. The suspect had been under recent surveillance by intelligence services for Islamic radicalization. He was detained Thursday for questioning based on his phone conversations in recent days, but investigators found no sign that he was preparing an attack, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said. He said French intelligence suggested a link between the war in the Middle East and the suspect's decision

to act. Court documents viewed by The Associated Press show the suspect, identified by prosecutors as Mohammed M., is from the Ingushetia region in Russia's Caucasus Mountains, which neighbors Chechnya. Some schoolchildren, parents and personnel returned to the Gambetta-Carnot school Saturday, as police stood guard outside. Classes were canceled, but the school reopened for those who wanted to come together or seek support. Trauma specialists described the importance of addressing the emotions and revisiting the scene soon after horrific events. One mother said she came with her 17-year-old daughter in a show of defiance against extremism, and to overcome the fear of returning to a site where children were locked down for hours after the stabbing. Another mother came to seek guidance from counselors about how to support her two sons, who witnessed the attack in their schoolyard. "As adults, we are managing with difficulty to take a step back, but for them, they're children," said Emily Noge, arriving at the school with her sons and partner. □



People block the Inter-American Highway in San Lucas Sacatepéquez, Guatemala, Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Associated Press

By **SONIA PERÉZ D. and DANIEL SHAILER**
Associated Press
GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — In what Guatemalan authori-

ties described as a national security incident, hackers affiliated with the activist group Anonymous disabled multiple government

Hackers attack Guatemalan government webpages in support of pro-democracy protests

webpages Saturday. For almost two weeks, demonstrators have been calling for the resignation of Guatemalan Attorney General Consuelo Porras, saying she has tried to undermine the popular vote that made progressive Bernardo Arévalo the president-elect. Posting on the social media website X, formerly known as Twitter, hackers under the handle @AnonGTRe-loaded announced, "This October 14 #Anony-

mous will attack the Government of Guatemala, but this time we do not come alone." The hackers targeted government webpages with floods of automated traffic until they crashed, a technique known as distributed denial-of-service attacks. Webpages for Guatemala's judicial branch, Department of Agriculture and the General Secretary of the president were targeted, among others. Some pages were quickly reinstated,

but others remained down. Guatemalan authorities said the hacking was a matter of "national security" and they are responding. The attacks come after 13 days of protests and road closures. Thousands of Indigenous people have demanded that Porras and prosecutors Rafael Curruchiche and Cinthia Monterroso, as well as Judge Fredy Orellana, all resign, accusing them of endangering the country's democracy. □



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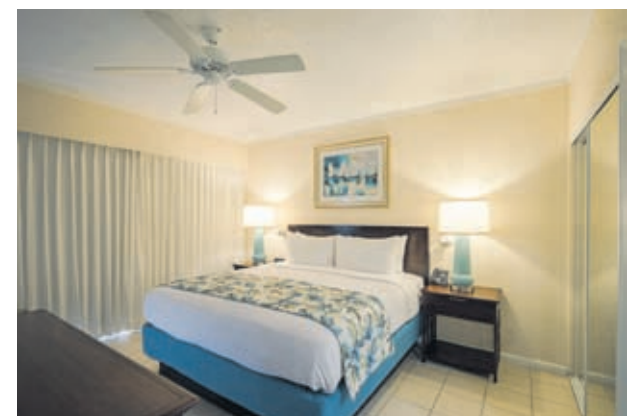
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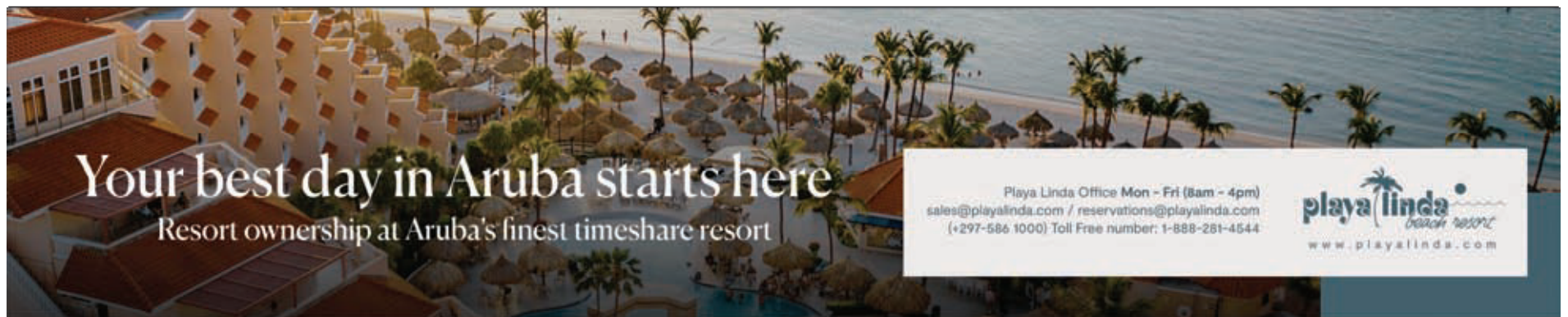
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Aruba Tourism Authority honors loyal visitors at Divi Aruba All-Inclusive!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors & Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. This tremendous group of honorees was honored with certificates acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitor
Mrs. Jo-Ann Pond from Massachusetts, United States.

Distinguished Visitors

Mr. Bill & Mrs. Megan DiDonato from Maine, United States.

Distinguished Visitors

Mr. Graham & Mrs. Dawn Noon from Gibraltar, a country on Spain's South Coast.



Goodwill Ambassadors

Mr. Scott & Mrs. Theresa Muir from New Hampshire, United States.

Goodwill Ambassadors

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Lori Panichelli from New Jersey, United States.

Goodwill Ambassadors

Mr. Robert & Mrs. Susan Harvey from Massachusetts, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Divi Aruba All-Inclusive bestowed the certificates to all the honorees, presented them with memorable gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their best-loved vacation destination, and as their home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mrs. Jo-Ann Pond were:

- Aruba's warm and friendly people.
- Aruba's warm consistent weather all year round.
- "Friends I have made over the years."
- Aruba's food.
- Aruba's safety.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. DiDonato were:

- Aruba's people are like family.
- Aruba's safety.
- Aruba's nice sandy beaches.
- "Divi's resort staff are always welcoming."
- Aruba's sunny weather.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. Noon were:

- Aruba's warm and friendly people.
- Aruba's culture.
- "Aruba's people became like family to us."

- Aruba's warm consistent weather all year round.
- Aruba's beaches.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. Muir were:

- Aruba's warm consistent weather all year round.
- Aruba's hospitality.
- Aruba's safety.
- Aruba's food.
- "Friends I have made throughout the years."

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. Panichelli were:

- "Aruba is our favorite place in the whole world."
- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's safety.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's nice sunny weather.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey were:

- Aruba's warm and kind people.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's safety.
- Aruba's warm weather.
- Aruba's culture.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Blackstone Beach

(Oranjestad)—Named after its most recognizable feature, the Blackstone Beach almost represents the opposite of the typical Aruban beaches. For one, it has black sand and is covered in black smooth stones. Secondly, it lies on the northern side of the island, away from the white sandy beaches of in the southern region. So, if

you feel up for something different—or if it's opposite day, visit the Blackstone Beach.

Blackstone Beach shows the more natural side of Aruba: the stones that cover the beaches and the shape of it has been crafted for thousand years via volcanic eruptions, coral reef movements and wave activity of the rural

northern part of the island. Located further east to the Natural Bridge and Andicuri Beach, the Blackstone Beach is relatively easy to access. Once you get passed the Ayo Rock Formation, take the Andicuri road leading up to Andicuri Beach. There, you can park your car and take a 1km hike towards Blackstone Beach.

This beach forms part of the Arikok National Park and is therefore a site that is preserved. This is why it is also relatively untouched by commercial influences. De-

spite being called a beach, do note that it is not advised to swim in the water, as the current is very strong and can easily stray you further in the wild ocean. However,

you can still enjoy a spectacular view of the stones and the northern ocean that stretches out in front of the beach and take a picture with your friends or family! □



Food culture in Aruba

(Oranjestad) - Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a Euro-

pean or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of



Rally for Israel

In the context of the current situation between Israel and Hamas, Chabad Aruba extends an invitation to the community to bring signs, flags, and be ready to make some prayers for Israel.

The rally will be taking place at the Paseo Herencia Mall today, Monday 16th of October at 5:30pm. "We will be remembering those murdered by terrorists and showing our unwavering support for Israel."

a quick "to-go" breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to



household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening "meal" can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more. These snacks are usually

sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun.

*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

*Saco: Saco literally means "bag". Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag. □

Source: Voeding, voedingsgewoonten en gerechten op Aruba (Nutrition, Food Traditions and Dishes on Aruba) by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba

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National Park Arikok: Aruba's biggest nature conservation

The National Park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There are numerous animals to discover, for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches—a very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Nature Conservation

The protected area of National Park Arikok was officially established in 2000. Arikok National Park is a 34 square kilometers (7907 acres) of natural area, located at the north-eastern part of Aruba which contains examples of most of the island's flora and fauna against



a backdrop of great geological complexity. We are proud to state that approximately 18% of the total land area of Aruba is assigned as a National Park, to protect and preserve the flora, fauna, geology and historical remains present within Arikok National Park.

The Landscape

There is a great geological variety within the park. The main aspects are the rough hills of the volcanic Aruba lava formation, the mysterious rocks of the batholithic quartz-diorite/tonalite, and the limestone rocks from fossilized coral. The two tallest hills on the island are situated within the park. Jamanota hill 188 meters (617 ft) and Arikok hill 176 meters (577 ft), from which the name of the park is derived.

The line of the permanently wind-and-wave beaten North Coast is broken by several bays (boca's). Most of them are small yet impressive inlets at the mouth of dry riverbeds. Some of these bays (boca's)

are spectacular sights, adorned with white, sandy beaches and sand dunes, as is the case at Boca Prins and Dos Playa.

Arikok is also home to Conchi, Aruba's most important natural attraction; also known as The Natural Pool. The journey to the Pool is and adventure by itself and only possible by foot, horse, ATV or 4x4 vehicle.

Cultural and Historical components

There are a number of sites within the park that attest to the history of Aruba. The Caquetío Indians left rock paintings in Cunucu Arikok and Fontein Cave. The bird drawing in the park logo is a copy of one of these historical artistic expressions.

Old plantation (Cunucus) sites tell the story of an active yet challenging agricultural past.

These Cunucus were also residential areas for the few families that worked the land. These families found ways to survive in the difficult conditions, and were able to erect their homes with materials found in the area. Two of these adobe houses have been restored. Park rangers are learning many of the old building techniques in order to preserve this unique Aruban mud-

house. At Cunucu Arikok and near Plantation Prins you can find these adobe houses.

Park Management

For the management of the park, a dedicated foundation "Fundacion Parke Nacional Arikok" (FPNA), known today as the Aruba National Park Foundation was established in July 2003. In February 2017, mangrove and wetland RAMSAR site #198 Spanish Lagoon was annexed to Arikok National Park due to its importance as a feeding and breeding area for water birds and as a nursery area for a variety of marine organisms. With this addition, the areas under FPNA management increased by 70 hectares while the amount of species of flora and fauna to be conserved to over 250. On December 21st, 2018 (AB 2018 no. 77) Parke Marino Aruba – currently consisting of four marine protected areas (MPAs) – was officially established and subsequently brought under management of FPNA. In 2019 management plans will be established for the new MPAs which include: coral reefs, sea grass beds, mangrove systems, a large diversity of breeding seabirds. Parke Marino Aruba also contains potential shark nursery areas, endangered sea turtle nesting beaches and marine mammal nursery areas. □



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Family car
11 Left, on a liner
12 Runway sight
13 Sorceress of Greek myth
14 Muscular Japanese dog
15 Prayer finish
17 Plop down
18 Like some return envelopes
22 "What — for Love" ("A Chorus Line" song)
23 Attack, in a way
27 Fizzy drinks
29 Andean animal
30 Sports spots
32 Sierra Club founder
33 Green stones
35 Relaxing retreat
38 Leave out
39 Sled dog
41 Cut into cubes
45 Band-leader Shaw

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Saturday's answer

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20	Flank	36	Contented cat sound
21	Spotted dog	37	Movie pooch
24	Actor Julia	40	Family
25	Surrounded by	42	Cow's chew
26	Old salts	43	Sense of self
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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: AUTUMN LEAVES DON'T FALL. THEY FLY. THEY TAKE THEIR TIME AND WANDER ON THIS THEIR ONLY CHANCE TO SOAR. — DELIA OWENS

Amid a mental health crisis, toy industry takes on a new role: building resilience

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As more children emerge from the pandemic grappling with mental health issues, their parents are seeking ways for them to build emotional resilience. And toy companies are paying close attention. While still in its early phase, a growing number of toy marketers are embracing MESH — or mental, emotional and social health — as a designation for toys that teach kids skills like how to adjust to new challenges, resolve conflict, advocate for themselves, or solve problems.

The acronym was first used in child development circles and by the American Camp Association 10 years ago and gained new resonance after the pandemic. Rachele Harmuth, head of ThinkFun, a division of toy company Ravensburger, and resilience expert and family physician Deborah Gilboa, formed a MESH taskforce earlier this year with the goal of getting manufacturers to design toys with emotional resilience in mind and to have retailers market them accordingly.

"We just need to educate parents and educators just a little bit to know that we could be using their play time a little bit intentionally," Gilboa said.

The plan is to certify MESH toys by mid-2024 the same way the Toy Association did for STEAM toys, which emphasize science, tech, engineering, arts, and math. Adrienne Appell, a spokeswoman at the Toy Association, notes that MESH is an area it will continue to monitor as it evolves.

Many toys that could be



A "Gravity Maze" game, left, and "Rush Hour" game, from ThinkFun, are displayed at the 2023 Toy Fair, in New York's Javits Center, Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

Associated Press

considered MESH happen to already be in children's toy chests — like memory games, puppets, certain types of Legos, Pokémon trading games, and Dungeons & Dragons. The concept was highlighted at the toy industry's recent four-day annual show in New York, which featured an abundance of toys from the likes of hand2mind and Open the Joy that encourage children to express their feelings with mirrors or puppets.

James Zahn, editor-in-chief of the trade publication the Toy Book, noted the bulk of the new toys being developed with MESH in mind will be out starting next year. But some worry the MESH approach might end up promising parents something it can't deliver. There's also a risk of companies preying on parents' anxieties about their kids' mental health. "My fear is that MESH will be used as the next marketing gimmick," said Chris Byrne, an independent toy analyst. "It will create a culture of fear that their children are not developing socially and emotionally. And that's

not really the job of the toy industry." Experts say childhood depression and anxiety were climbing for years, but the pandemic's unrelenting stress and grief magnified the woes, particularly for those already grappling with mental health issues who were cut off from counselors and other school resources during remote learning. Many educators began emphasizing social emotional learning in response, which teaches children soft skills like helping them manage their emotions and create positive rapport with others. Dave Anderson, vice president of school and community programs and a senior psychologist in the ADHD and Behavior Disorders Center at the Child Mind Institute, applauded the toy industry's efforts to likewise address emotional resilience. But he said parents need to be careful about claims that companies may be making. While there's evidence that skills highlighted by the MESH taskforce can build resilience, there's no evidence that the toys themselves will, he said.

"The concepts are evidence based; the toys themselves are not," he said.

Byrne notes that the skills being highlighted by the MESH taskforce are the basics of play, whether it's skateboarding that builds perseverance or learning how to share toys to help with conflict resolution. □

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Scientists count huge melts in many protective Antarctic ice shelves

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Four dozen Antarctic ice shelves have shrunk by at least 30% since 1997 and 28 of those have lost more than half of their ice in that time, reports a new study that surveyed these crucial "gatekeepers" between the frozen continent's massive glaciers and open ocean.

Of the continent's 162 ice shelves, 68 show significant shrinking between 1997 and 2021, while 29 grew, 62 didn't change and three lost mass but not in a way scientists can say shows a significant trend, according to a study in Thursday's Science Advances.

That melted ice, which usually pens larger glaciers behind it, then goes into the sea. Scientists worry that climate change-triggered melt from Antarctica and Greenland will cause dangerous and significant sea rise over many decades and centuries.

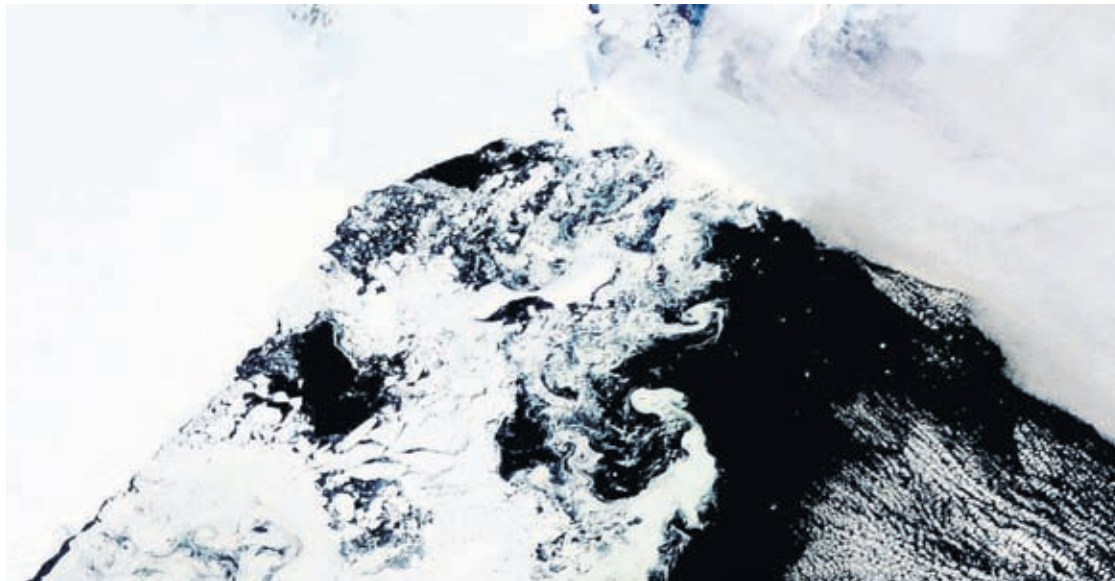
"Knowing exactly how, and how much, ice is being lost from these protective floating shelves is a key step in understanding how Antarctica is evolving," said University of Colorado ice scientist Ted Scambos, who wasn't part of the study.

Scambos said the study gives insight into fresh water that's melting into the Amundsen Sea — "the key region of Antarctica for sea level rise" — that not only adds height to the ocean, but makes it less dense and salty.

The biggest culprits were giant icebergs breaking off in 1999, 2000 and 2002 that were the size of Delaware, he said. The study also looks at ice melting from warm water below.

Ice shelves are floating extensions of glaciers that act "like the gatekeepers" and keep the larger glacier from flowing more quickly into the water, the study's lead author said.

All told, Antarctic ice shelves lost about 8.3 trillion tons (7.5 trillion metric tons) of ice in the 25-year period, the study found. That



This satellite image provided by NASA, shows icebergs that formed through an ice shelf collapse. Associated Press

amounts to around 330 billion tons (300 billion metric tons) a year and is similar to previous studies.

But the overall total is not the real story, said study lead author Benjamin Davison, a glaciologist at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

What's most important, he said, are the patterns of individual shelf loss. The new study shows the deep losses, with four glaciers losing more than a trillion tons on the continent's peninsula and western side.

"Some of them lost a lot of their mass over time," Davison said. "Wordie is barely an ice shelf anymore."

The Wordie ice shelf, which holds back four glaciers near the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, had

a big collapse in 1989, but has lost 87% of its remaining mass since 1997, Davison found. Neighboring Larsen A has lost 73% and Larsen B 57%. The largest of the Larsen ice shelves, Larsen C, has lost 1.8 billion tons (1.7 trillion metric tons) of ice, about one-eighth of its mass.

The biggest loss of all is in the Thwaites ice shelf, holding back the glacier nicknamed Doomsday because it is melting so fast and is so big. The shelf has lost 70% of its mass since 1997 — about 4.1 trillion tons (3.7 trillion metric tons) — into the Amundsen Sea. The ice shelves that grew were predominantly on the continent's east side, where there's a weather pattern isolates the land

from warmer waters, Davison said. The ice shelves on the east were growing slower than the shelves losing ice to the west.

It's difficult to connect an individual ice shelf loss directly to human-caused climate change, but steady attrition is expected as the world warms, he said. □



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Watson-less Browns deal Purdy, 49ers 1st loss of the season 19-17

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie Jake Moody missed a 41-yard field goal with six seconds left, leaving San Francisco stunned 19-17 by the Cleveland Browns, who ended the 49ers' regular-season winning streak at 15 on Sunday and handed quarterback Brock Purdy his first loss as an NFL starter. Dustin Hopkins kicked four field goals for the Browns (3-2) — the last with 1:40 left, capping a drive helped by a disputed unnecessary roughness call against San Francisco (5-1). Cleveland pulled off the league's biggest upset this season without quarterback Deshaun Watson, who missed his second straight game with a bruised right shoulder. The 49ers were short-handed without playmakers Christian McCaffrey and Deebo Samuel, who went out with injuries.

P.J. Walker came off Cleveland's practice squad and outplayed Purdy, who had won his first 10 starts. Purdy nearly pulled out a comeback, driving the 49ers into field-goal range in the final seconds before Moody pushed his attempt to the right.

Purdy was 12 of 27 for 125 yards and threw his first interception of the season.

JAGUARS 37, COLTS 20

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Trevor Lawrence threw two touchdown passes, Travis Etienne ran for a pair of scores as Jacksonville won its third straight and sent Indianapolis to its ninth straight road loss in the series. The Jaguars (4-2) had their most lopsided victory of the season and this one was essentially over in the third quarter when Lawrence connected threw a 10-yard strike to rookie tight end Brenton Strange and put Jacksonville ahead 31-6. Lawrence also found Christian Kirk for a 29-yard TD in the second. Etienne scored on runs of 2 and 22 yards, also in the second. The Colts (3-3) started Gardner Minshew in place of injured rookie Anthony Richardson. A sixth-round draft pick by the Jags in 2019, Minshew fumbled



San Francisco 49ers place kicker Jake Moody, top right, and Mitch Wishnowsky (18) react as Cleveland Browns' Rodney McLeod Jr. (26) and Denzel Ward (21) celebrate after Moody missed a field goal during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, in Cleveland. Associated Press

once and threw three interceptions.

Etienne gained 55 yards on 18 carries. Lawrence completed 20 of 30 passes for 181 yards, with the two TDs and an interception before hobbling off late after getting sacked. He had his left knee checked on the sideline.

Minshew completed 33 of 55 passes for 329 yards, with a touchdown to Josh Downs and the three picks.

TEXANS 20, SAINTS 13

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie C.J. Stroud threw for 199 yards and two touchdowns and Houston got two defensive stops late seal the win over New Orleans and match the team's win total of last season.

The Saints (3-3) trailed by 7 when Derek Carr threw a 51-yard pass to Rashid Shaheed to get them to the Houston 35. Five consecutive runs by Alvin Kamara got them to the 14. But Carr's pass to Kamara on fourth-and-4 was short, giving Houston the ball with 4½ minutes left.

Houston (3-3) couldn't move the ball after that and punted it back. New Orleans got to the Houston 24 on the next drive, but Carr's throw on fourth-and-10 was intercepted by Steven Nelson with 21 seconds left to secure the win. Carr threw for a season-

high 353 yards and a touchdown as the Saints lost for the third time in four games after a 2-0 start. Kamara had 19 carries for 68 yards and Chris Olave had seven receptions for 96 yards. Stroud was 13 for 27 and threw his first interception of the season after setting an NFL record of 191 attempts without a pick to start a career.

VIKINGS 19, BEARS 13

CHICAGO (AP) — Kirk Cousins threw for a touchdown, Jordan Hicks returned a fumble 42 yards for a score and Minnesota knocked Justin Fields out of the game in beating Chicago (1-5).

The Vikings (2-4) made just enough plays without injured star receiver Justin Jefferson and won for the second time in three games. Cousins completed 21 of 31 passes for 181 yards. T.J. Hockenson caught six passes for 50 yards.

Fields was sacked four times and exited with a right hand injury early in the third quarter. He finished 6 of 10 for 58 yards and an interception.

Rookie Tyson Bagent replaced Fields and got strip-sacked on Chicago's next drive. Hicks returned it 42 yards for a TD, making it 19-6.

Bagent, undrafted out of Division II Shepherd Univer-

sity, finished a 77-yard drive by scoring from the 1. He was 10 of 14 with 83 yards in his debut.

DOLPHINS 42, PANTHERS 21

MIAMI (AP) — Tua Tagovailoa threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers as Miami rallied for the win and sent winless Carolina to its sixth straight loss.

Tagovailoa was 21 of 31 for 262 yards and has an NFL-leading 1,876 yards passing this season.

After trailing 14-0 early, Tyreek Hill put the Dolphins ahead with a 41-yard touchdown catch late in the second quarter. Hill caught six passes for 163 yards to bring his NFL-leading season total to 814 yards receiving. Jaylen Waddle added 51 yards on seven catches.

Miami (5-1) scored 35 straight points before Mike White replaced Tagovailoa with about four minutes left and threw an interception that was returned by cornerback Troy Hill for a touchdown.

Bryce Young finished 23 of 38 with 217 yards and was sacked four times for the Panthers (0-6).

Raheem Mostert had 17 carries for 115 yards and scored on runs of 1 and 4 yards, in addition to a 3-yard TD reception, after taking over as Miami's

lead ball carrier after rookie De'Von Achane was placed in injured reserve last week with a knee injury.

COMMANDERS 24, FALCONS 16

ATLANTA (AP) — Sam Howell threw three short passes for touchdowns and Washington intercepted Desmond Ridder three times in a win over Atlanta that ended a three-game skid. Coming off a 40-20 home loss to the lowly Chicago Bears, the Commanders (3-3) redeemed themselves a bit against the Falcons (3-3).

Howell shook off five more sacks — he's been dumped 34 times this season — to complete 14 of 23 passes for 151 yards. The Commanders (3-3), who showed more balance and ran for 72 yards, was led by their defense.

Kendall Fuller, Benjamin St-Juste and Jamin Davis had picks for Washington.

Ridder threw for 307 yards and a pair of scores. But it was the second time in three weeks that he's had three turnovers in a game.

BENGALS 17, SEAHAWKS 13

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joe Burrow threw two early touchdown passes and Cincinnati intercepted Geno Smith twice in the second half, holding off Seattle for its second straight victory. Burrow was 24 for 35 for 185 yards and an interception as the Bengals improved to 3-3 ahead of their bye week.

Cincinnati scored touchdowns on its first two possessions, but punted six times, giving Seattle the late chances.

The Bengals defense stopped Seattle in the red zone twice late to seal the win, the last time when Smith was hit by B.J. Hill and threw incomplete on fourth-and-8 on the Bengals 9 in the final minute.

Seattle (3-2) scored its only touchdown on the first drive of the game on Kenneth Walker's 1-yard TD run. Smith was picked off twice in the second half. He finished 27 for 41 for 323 and was scrambling from the Cincinnati pass rush throughout. □

Jones and Stewart help Liberty avoid sweep, take Game 3 of WNBA Finals, beat Aces 87-73

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jonquel Jones scored 27 points and Breanna Stewart added 20 to help the New York Liberty beat the Las Vegas Aces 87-73 on Sunday in the WNBA Finals and force a Game 4.

New York struggled in the first two games against the Aces in Las Vegas, but the Liberty found their shooting touch in Game 3 behind Jones, who hit four of the team's 13 3-pointers.

"She was huge for us," Liberty coach Sandy Brondello said of Jones, who came to the Liberty in a trade in the offseason. "Those 3's changed the moment of the game a bit. The ball went in. Other games the ball weren't going in for us. We got back to our identity. Proud of the effort and commitment and connection we had. Now we've got to do it again."

This was the Liberty's first win in the WNBA Finals since Teresa Weather- spoon's half-court shot in Game 2 against Houston in 1999. The Aces are up 2-1 in the best-of-five series and Game 4 is Wednesday night in New York.

The Liberty led by three at halftime before scoring the first eight points of the third quarter to take a double-digit lead, bringing the crowd of 17,143 to its feet. They led 61-50 after three quarters.

Behind A'ja Wilson, the Aces got to within six before Stewart hit a turnaround jumper and Betnijah Laney stole the ball from Jackie Young at half court and made a layup to extend the lead back to 10.

Las Vegas didn't challenge the rest of the way and star guard Chelsea Gray went back to the locker room midway through the fourth quarter after inuring her foot.

"I can't give you an update, I'll let you know when we know," Las Vegas coach Becky Hammon said.

Kelsey Plum scored 29 points and Wilson added

16 points and 11 rebounds for the Aces, who are looking to become the first team to win consecutive titles since the 2001-02 Los Angeles Sparks. That came on the heels of the Houston Comets winning the WNBA's first four championships.

The Aces had won their first seven games in this postseason by an average of 17.3 points. They were looking to become the first team to go 8-0 in a WNBA postseason and the first to not lose a game since Seattle in 2020.

The first two games of the series, as well as the four regular-season meetings, were all blowouts, with the closest game being a nine-

point win by New York on Aug. 28. That was the last loss the Aces had until Sunday.

BIG APPLE BASKETBALL IS BACK

This was the first WNBA Finals game in New York since 2002, when the Liberty were swept by the Sparks. Hammon was playing on that New York squad and remembers how excited the city was amid the team's success. No New York basketball team in either the NBA or WNBA has made it that far since.

"This is New York City, this is a basketball mecca. It's good when all the sports teams do good. The Nets, the Knicks, the Liberty," Hammon said. "It's a bas-



Las Vegas Aces' A'ja Wilson (22) drives past New York Liberty's Breanna Stewart and Jonquel Jones during the first half in Game 3 of a WNBA basketball final playoff series, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, in New York.

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